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## THE SMALL-POX.

There have been sixteen cases of small-pox, of which six cases have proved fatal. At no time were there more than two cases under treatment in the city, and these cases were quarantined. The majority of cases were removed to the pest hospital at the fort. The discipline and regulations carried out by Dr. McCarty, City Physician, was timely and efficient. The Board of Health, consisting of Dr. McCarty, Mayor Webster, and Councilmen Emerson and Bell, used all means to prevent the spread of the disease. Other causes combined to render the disease fatal to those whose names are here mentioned.

The deaths are as follows: A. L. Updegraff, Thos. Bugg, Alice Bugg, W. E. Gonyo, Y. O. McClanahan, and Hannah, a woman from the south side of the track. J. S. McCarty died outside of the jurisdiction of the city authorities, and his death is mentioned as it is supposed he contracted the disease while visiting Updegraff.

Those who have recovered and who are at present lying in the pest hospital, are as follows: Lee Marshall, B. Cline, (recovered) Arbuckle (recovered), A. Fulsner, W. E. Hood, a child and sister-in-law of N. Brown.

Fred. Singer's adopted child has recovered. Mrs. Frank Singer is recovering. A child of Wm. Hessman is recovering. The two latter named cases are the only ones in the city, and the houses are quarantined.

At first the nature of the disease was not known, and some persons unknowingly exposed themselves. But as soon as the City Physician and the Board of Health took the matter in hand, the danger of the disease becoming epidemic ceased.

The city was as free as at any time, during the period of the "scare," but to counteract the false impression obtained abroad, of the prevalence of small-pox in Dodge, was about as futile as an attempt to stop Windy Wiggins.

Affairs in Dodge have resumed, people go to church, and business men don't carry in their vest pockets vials of carbolic acid. The business of the city was carried on as usual, and now we expect to see business flourish with the opening of spring and the continuance of the March wind.

The proportion of deaths is great, but the condition of the patients rendered the disease fatal. It is questionable whether Tom Bugg died of small-pox, his name being enrolled in the list of small-pox deaths. Those dying with small-pox had not lived according to proper rules. The irregular dissipated course of their lives had broken them down physically and made them fall easy victims to the dreaded disease.

## STOP.

Soon after the late cold spell, the Panhandle mentioned that thousands of dollars worth of cattle had died. This, we presume, is what set the rumor afloat that this section had been unusually unfortunate in the loss of stock during the cold weather of a short time back. While thousands of dollars worth of cattle have died on account of the cold weather, yet when we take into consideration the almost fabulous herds that range here, and get at the per centage of loss, it dwindles into insignificance. We have questioned every stock man that has been in Mobeetie for the past two weeks, and nearly every range has been represented and they all estimate that one per cent. will cover the entire loss, and the greater part of this is confined to through cattle that were brought here late in the fall, and turned loose upon a new range and thin in order. We trust those who have been instrumental in helping to spread the first report, will be just as free and willing to circulate this last, which may be relied upon as the true state of affairs in the Panhandle.—Texas Panhandle.

## THE CITY ELECTION.

The time for the election of city officers is approaching, and our citizens are beginning to devote some thought to the candidates mentioned for mayor and councilmen. The city administration for the past two years has been characterized by rigid economy and a strict and impartial enforcement of the law. Thieves, robbers, vagrants and confidence men have not been permitted to ply their nefarious schemes here, much less to find an abiding place in Dodge. The city debt has been reduced from several thousand dollars to a few hundred dollars, many improvements have been made—and altogether the city is in a healthy condition—financially and otherwise. Shall this condition of things continue and exist, or shall city affairs resume a former condition, when thieves, robbers and confidence men held decent people in terror, and committed their lawless acts in defiance of law and order. This is the serious problem in the coming city election. We believe the citizens of Dodge City are not prepared to hand the city over to the freedom of confidence men, and we believe they have sufficient interest in the election to turn out in force, in body and in spirit, and put in office men who are known to be law-abiding, honest and true.

Larry E. Deger is prominently mentioned as the candidate for mayor. Mr. Deger was marshal in Dodge City a few years ago and he was a terror to violators of the law. As mayor he would strictly enforce the ordinances. He would not permit thugs, confidence men and robbers to infest the city. He is the man the people want, because he has got the nerve and back bone to do his duty. Under his administration the people would be protected and they would feel the security.

R. E. Burns is a candidate for re-election to the office of Police Judge. Judge Burns has incurred the ill will of some people because he has done his duty, and because he made violators of ordinance feel what virtue there was in the enforcement of the law. The fines collected by him amount to several hundred dollars more than was ever paid into the city treasury in one year. Burns has some enemies, but he has some earnest friends, who will sustain him because they will sustain law and order.

Several gentlemen are mentioned for the council. Geo. S. Emerson and H. B. Bell are members of the present council. Henry Sturm, Dr. McCarty and J. S. Kelsey are prominently mentioned. No ticket has been designated yet; but we mention the above ticket for the purpose of bringing the attention of the public to the issue.

No convention has been called by the friends of Deger, reform and order. The people must not be hoodwinked into the support of men and measures detrimental to the interests of the city and the safety and protection of the people.

Let every man who has the honor, integrity and safety of Dodge City assist in the election of Larry Deger to the office of Mayor. The issue of the coming municipal administration is narrowed to the simple question of whether decency and good government shall be the order, or whether thugs,

robbers and confidence men shall infest the city again.

We do not believe Dodge City is retrograding. The moral sentiment of this community must be respected. Lawless men may be tolerated, but we very frankly state that lawlessness shall not rule.

Let the patriotic, peace loving, law abiding citizen put on his armor. There is danger ahead.

One of the laws enacted by Congress in its closing hours modifies the postal money-order system so as to authorize the issue of money orders without corresponding advice of \$5 and less, to be on engraved paper, and known as postal notes, payable to bearer, such notes to be invalid after three months, but the holder can after that time get the par value of the note by applying to the Post-Office Department at Washington. For issuing a postal note a fee of three cents shall be charged. This same law authorizes the issue of money orders in denominations of \$100 or less, but none for more than \$100 can be issued. The following fees are fixed to be charged for money orders: For order not exceeding \$10, eight cents; from \$10 to \$15, 10 cents; \$15 to \$30, 15 cents; \$30 to \$40, 20 cents; \$40 to \$50, 25 cents; \$50 to \$60, 30 cents; \$60 to \$70, 35 cents; \$70 to \$80, 40 cents; \$80 to \$100, 45 cents.

The legislature of the state of Texas made a contract with a syndicate of four Chicago capitalists, by which the syndicate were to build for the state a statehouse to cost \$3,000,000, and were in turn given immediate possession of three million acres of public land. Now the legislature has passed a bill withdrawing from the market the school, university and asylum lands of the state, about fifty-four million acres, for ninety days after its adjournment, as a protection against speculators. It is said that the effect of this bill is to double at once the value of the syndicate's lands, and on these three million acres the syndicate propose putting, according to a Chicago journal, three hundred thousand head of cattle, at an outlay of say six million dollars.

Now that it is established beyond doubt that the recent great floods of the Ohio and of other Western rivers were due to the unprotected character of the watersheds where those streams had their rise, we are furnished an unanswerable argument for the proposed schemes to stop the clearing off of forests on head waters, and one equally as strong in favor of admitting Canadian lumber free, in order that the denudation of the wooded slopes may be the more easily checked. The rapid destruction of Northern forests must cease, or many river bottoms be abandoned by the people.

The spring elections are gently ambling to the front, and the howl of the ward politician will soon be heard in the land. This is not said in a spirit of disparagement. There are really few things on earth so important as the spring election, and it is high time for the intelligent citizens to turn over and wake up.

Call on Horder & Shields north of post office when anything in the line of tin, sheet iron, copper or zinc work you want done.

A letter accompanied by affidavits was received at the general land office which states that 20,000 acres of public land in Barber county, Kansas, has been fenced in by trespassers and that parties wanting to settle were not permitted to enter. An instance was cited of a man being driven off by force. The attorney general is of the opinion that the United States marshal should be called upon to drive off trespassers.

Don't forget that Horder & Shields repair all kinds of stoves.

## CIMARRON CULLINGS.

—Cimarron township. How do you like the name?

—The plowing and planting of seeds for feed has already begun in this vicinity.

—Messrs. A. S. Tracy and C. J. Dixon took a trip to the upper Pawnee on a hunting expedition.

—Mr. C. Parker and wife, from the Pawnee Valley, spent a few days this week in town visiting friends and acquaintances.

—A cloud appeared in the south-west Monday evening and showed every indication of a thunder shower—"Where is Foughty?"

—Cimarron Township comprises the portions of Gray and Meade counties that were by recent freak of the Legislature attached to Ford.

—The county commissioners created the township of Cimarron and readjusted the lines of Dodge City township in special session the 9th inst.

—Mrs. G. W. Taylor we understand has purchased 2,000 nice, thrifty young catalpa trees, which she proposes to set out on her timber culture claim, one mile west of town.

—Messrs. Reeve and Hudson are constructing a private irrigation ditch through their farming lands, four miles west of town. This is a commendable enterprise and is deserving of a large success.

—Lew Kuhn, one of our old time boys, we are sorry to learn is down with the small pox, in Albuquerque, N. M. His wife, Ruth, daughter of our fellow citizen O. C. Mitchell, writes under recent date to her people, that he is getting better and with ordinary care is out of danger.

All kinds of tinware made at Horder & Shields' new tin shop.

## LOOK AT HIM.

(From the Franklin Press.)

Take a young man, a tall young man, with a small hat, a long face, a lengthy neck, a short body, a pair of long slim legs, with arms to match, and both arms and legs largest at the extremities. Put him in a Seymour coat, encase his legs in seal-skin pantaloons, with sufficient bow in the legs to give passing glimpses between them of the masked and astonished world that lies ahead of him as he walks; cram his flat foot into pointed shoes; tie an eyeglass to his lappet; give him a delicate moustache and cane to play with—and if there is a grander sight under the canopy of heaven, we haven't the time to think it up. Perhaps a monkey with a tin tail comes nearest to the phenomenon.

Go to Horder & Shields for to have your tinware repaired, four doors north of the post office.

## CEDAR POSTS WANTED.

WANTED.—2,000 large sized cedar posts. Inquire of R. M. Wright, Dodge City, Kas.

What is supposed to be a mad stone was shown to us this week by Mr. R. L. Battie, who lives 12 miles south of this place, on the Medicine river. He owned a yearling steer which was entirely blind since it was a calf, and two weeks ago the animal refused to eat and suddenly died. Mr. Battie made a post mortem examination and found in the stomach a large hard ball, about five inches in diameter, which he now has. It is of a grayish color, hard, and looks as if composed of hair, it being slightly porous. As far as can be judged it is solid, and about the weight of an ordinary croquet ball. It is said that mad stones grow in the stomachs of animals, and if such is the case, Mr. Battie certainly has one. He would not put a price on the strange object, but expresses a willingness to allow anyone in need of a mad stone to try its properties.—Medicine Lodge Index.